

# OHR RTRS News Summary, 7 December 1999

## News Headlines

- Farrand announces final version of Brcko District Statute
- Farrand and Petritsch hold press conference on Brcko District Statute
- Petritsch supports Brcko District Statute and Farrand's work
- RS Government holds session on customs, public information, transport corporation, 2000 budget, SRNA and agriculture
- RS Government appoints SRNA General Director
- Dodik discusses central heating in Prijedor and problems in Celpak company with Prijedor officials and 'Celpak' strike board
- Strike in Miljevina mine ends
- Dodik and Johnson discuss RS privatization and RS Refugee Ministry
- Johnson holds press conference
- Sarovic meets with Serb Orthodox Church representatives
- BiH House of Representatives Chairman and Co-chairmen discuss BiH membership in European Parliament with European Parliament envoys
- BiH House of Representatives delegation meet with Turkish delegation to discuss Dayton implementation, Stability Pact and cooperation
- Radisic discusses RS National Assembly position on New York Declaration with Russian Ambassador Sydorski
- Radisic discusses New York Declaration with French Ambassador Bochole
- Radisic discusses human rights and BiH membership in European Parliament with European Parliament envoys

- BiH Ministry Council Co- Chairman Mihajlovic meets with Austrian Embassy envoy Kantz on BiH credit
- Mihajlovic meets with Slovenian Ambassador Mirosic on implementation of BiH-Slovenia agreements
- BiH Refugee Association Coordination Board delegation discusses returns with BiH Minister Asanin
- International organizations welcome adoption of Laws on Refugees, Displaced Persons, Immigration and Asylum by BiH Assembly
- Petritsch appoints 21 members of BiH Federation RTV Executive Board – Stiglmayer
- Demirel visits Turkish [SFOR](#) troops in Zenica
- Two [SFOR](#) soldiers die in car accident near Mrkonjic Grad – [SFOR](#)
- Coordination board for reconstruction in BiH Federation holds session on reconstruction
- [World Bank](#) gives credit worth \$ 4 million for reconstruction of Mostar's Old Bridge
- Glamoc Mayor Damjanovic on housing reconstruction
- Livno Refugee Information Center for receives 250 requests for return of houses and flats
- Two Serb bodies discovered in Pristina
- KFOR arrests four persons in Gnjilane
- [NATO](#) General Secretary on investment in Kosovo and UNMIK efforts
- Yugoslav Government and Kosovo Albanian leaders should follow example of South African Republic – Vollebaek
- Russian Foreign Ministry Envoy Rahmanjin on violation of [UN](#) resolution on Kosovo
- Yugoslav Commission for cooperation with UNMIK sends protest letter to UNMIK on abandoned houses and flats
- [OSCE](#) MIK Head Everts opposes cantonization within Kosovo
- World news
- RS Alliance of Municipalities and Cities protests Petritsch and Barry decision to dismiss nine RS officials
- SNS holds press conference on New York Declaration,

latest RS National Assembly session and proclaiming Sarajevo a district

- SNSD holds press conference on elections, IC and SNSD efforts in RS and refugees
- Sports and weather
- Seminar on social care held in Vogosca
- IMC authorizes St. George to resume broadcasting
- Russian envoy Lukin on eventual Russian troop withdrawal from Kosovo
- Many faults in [OSCE](#) reports on human rights in Kosovo – Serb National Council representative
- Kosovo Albanian leader Techin's bodyguard threatens [UN](#) police after being pulled over for questioning
- 14 [EU](#) fuel trucks arrive in Nis
- Italian Justice Ministry agrees to press smuggling charges against Montenegrin Minister Perovic
- Culture

## **News Summary**

### **RS Government appoints SRNA General Director**

On Tuesday, the RS Government appointed Dragan Davidovic SRNA General Director. RS Information Minister Vasic stated that an administrative mistake had initiated the problem of the dismissal and appointment of SRNA general director, because RS Government had not sent an explanation about the dismissal to the former SRNA general director. Vasic added that the RS Government had corrected the mistake and accepted the objection of the RS Supreme Court according to which the decision of RS Government on dismissal of the former director was not invalid due to lack of explanation.

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### **Johnson holds press conference**

On Tuesday in Banja Luka, Deputy High Representative Ralph Johnson held a press conference where he stated that the BiH

border service must be formed on the state level, not the entity level, because the state is authorized to control the borders. Johnson believes that the BiH Parliament will adopt the law on border services. Johnson added that the list of 800 persons who use two or more accommodations was interpreted in the wrong way, because that was not a new, but an old document. Commenting on the statement by Banja Luka Mayor Djordje Umicevic that he would not leave his office, Johnson said that the decision of the High Representative was final and binding.

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### **Petritsch appoints 21 members to RTV BiH Federation Executive Board – Stiglmayer**

At a press conference in Sarajevo on Tuesday, OHR spokesperson Alexandra Stiglmayer stated that High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) had appointed 21 members of the RTV BiH Federation Executive Board. The BiH Federation Assembly nominated seven members. Another 14 members were nominated and appointed by the High Representative.

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### **RS Alliance of Municipalities and Cities protests Petritsch and Barry decision to dismiss nine RS officials**

On Tuesday in Samac, the Presidency of the RS Alliance of Municipalities and Cities held a session where they protested the decision of High Representative [Wolfgang Petritsch](#) and Head of [OSCE](#) Mission to BiH Robert Barry to dismiss of nine RS officials. The Presidency believes that these decisions are not legally founded. According to the Presidency, the decision was an undemocratic act, which is not in accordance to the European Declaration on local autonomy.

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## **IMC authorizes St. George to resume broadcasting**

The Independent Media Commission has authorized RTV St. George to resume broadcasting following after the station paid a 1,000 KM penalty for violation of the IMC Code on Editorial Policy.

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